

2004 Report of Accomplishments

Clark Conservation District



Natural Resource Improvements in 2004 - Summary

- Fish and wildlife habitat was improved by planting and protecting 14,580 native trees and shrubs across Clark County.
- 9,417 linear feet of livestock exclusion fence has prevented soil entering our waterways through erosion.
- District staff provided support and technical assistance to over 2000 cooperators in Clark County, July 2003 through June 2004.



Mission of the Clark Conservation District

- The mission of the Clark Conservation District is to protect, conserve, and improve the natural resources of the District and to guide resource use, enhancement, and development to provide the highest quality of life for present and future citizens.

Water Quality Implementation

- 13,580 native trees and shrubs planted to enhance fish and wildlife habitat.
- We provided technical assistance for landowners throughout the county on native tree and shrub planting, best management and conservation practices, and other natural resource issues.

Professional Engineering

- Completed a survey and design for a livestock bridge and streambank restoration project.
- Survey and technical assistance to the Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group, Clark County, and Clark Public Utilities.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

- We added one more contract this year to bring our total to six. We have two more landowners with signed CRP 2 forms with the intention of signing a contract.
- 44 acres of stream buffer was maintained for fish and wildlife habitat.

Dairy

- Staff provided Clark County dairy producers with technical assistance for continued plan compliance and fall nitrate soil testing.

Watershed Conservation/Habitat Restoration (Cedar and Chelatchie Creek Riparian Grant)

- 4 acres of riparian buffer was protected and enhanced for fish and wildlife habitat and increased water quality.
 - 1,350 native trees and shrubs were planted and protected to restore and enhance fish and wildlife habitat and increase water quality.
 - A large livestock crossing and off channel watering facility were also installed to keep livestock from entering the creek.
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Small Farm Programs (Salmon Creek Clean Water Project)

- Staff provided support and technical assistance to 30 cooperator farms and completed 12 Small Farm Conservation Plans.
- To complement our Manure Exchange Program, the district purchased a manure spreader and trailer for landowners to use at very little cost. The Manure Exchange was also added to the www.2good2toss.com website.
- Over 300 cooperators attended our free informational workshops focused on wells and septic, pasture management, or mud and manure management. We also assisted in conducting a farm tour focusing on small farm BMPs.
- 9,417 linear feet of livestock exclusion fence was installed to keep livestock from entering the stream, decreasing nutrient loading in the stream and decreasing soil erosion by increased bank stabilization.
- Approx. 1,000 native trees and shrubs were planted and protected to restore and enhance fish and wildlife habitat and increase water quality.
- 13.35 acres of riparian buffer was protected and enhanced for fish and wildlife habitat and increased water quality.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Four agricultural cooperators were assisted with Clark County Code Enforcement through district participation on the Clark County Agricultural Committee.
- 12 local community organizations and associations were assisted through district participation and technical assistance.
- District staff assisted in organizing and participated in outreach activities such as Clark County Fair, where we provided information on livestock and pasture management.
- 975 cooperators served through technical assistance, workshops, display booths, and presentations.

Information & Education

- Clark CD hosted our SW Regional Envirothon this year. We hosted 60 students and over 30 volunteers.
- 2,000 + cooperators served through workshops, displays, presentations, and technical assistance (Salmon Creek Clean Water Project).
- Sponsored Clark Co. students in environmental education through the Washington State Envirothon competition.

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